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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Michael Thompson  
City of Burbank  
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RE: Burbank Operable Unit (BOU) Remediation  
System Upgrades Project – Mitigated  
Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH # 2021040181  
GTS # 07-LA-2021-03544  
Vic. LA-5/PM: 31.378, LA-134/PM: 0.815

Dear Michael Thompson:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed Project includes the construction and operation of one new extraction well, two replacement extraction wells, and conveyance pipelines. Other elements include piezometers associated with the new and replacement extraction wells and an intertie pipeline connecting the Burbank Water and Power potable water distribution system and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power New River Supply Conduit. The Project will also include installation of additional treatment units in the existing BOU Treatment Plant and minor modifications and upgrades to eight existing BOU remediation system extract. The City of Burbank is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Project is located approximately 1 mile from Interstate 5 (I-5), 1.5 miles from State Route 134 (SR-134), and 1.5 miles from State Route 170 (SR-170) in Los Angeles County.

From reviewing the MND, Caltrans concurs with the following: "The proposed Project is a construction-based activity that does not consist of any habitable structures and would not generate any long-term change in traffic conditions or increase Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). Therefore, impacts would be less than significant."

The following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Furthermore, Caltrans encourages Lead Agencies to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that reduce VMT and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. For more TDM options, please refer to:

- The 2010 *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), available at <http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>, or

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- *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), available at <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/index.htm>.

Also, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause delays on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these delays for Caltrans' review.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Mayra Jimon, the project coordinator, at [Mayra.Jimon@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Mayra.Jimon@dot.ca.gov), and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2021-03544.

Sincerely,

*Emily Gibson*

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